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SUMMARY: SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL TELLS US DANES ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITIES FOR MEETING THEIR SHARE OF OFF-SET REQUIRED BY JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT. CHANCES FOR EXPANDED MILITARY PROCUREMENT AND INCREASE IN DANISH SHARE OF NATO BUDGETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE APPEAR GOOD, BUT MONEY WILL HAVE TO COME OUT OF PRESENT DEFENSE BUDGET. HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE THAT DANES WOULD BE ACTIVE ON GREEK ISSUE AT NATO MINISTERIAL BUT COULD NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF FOLLOW-UP TO NORWEGIAN OR DUTCH INITIATIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. DCM AND EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR NATO AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS, KISUM, TO PRESENT US VIEWS ON BURDENSARING, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT. THEY LEFT COPY OF AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S NOVEMBER 29 STATEMENT IN THE NAC WITH HIM.

2. KISUM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF PROBLEM FACING USG IN LIGHT OF JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT AND NOTED THAT DANES HAVE ALREADY SHOWN WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER INCREASE IN THEIR SHARE OF NATO INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURES AND NATO BUDGETS. SOME INCREASE IN DANISH SHARE OF CIVIL BUDGET SHOULD RAISE NO PROBLEMS, HE SAID, AS MFA HAS BLANKET AUTORIZATION TO PAY ITS ASSESSED SHARE. THEY MERELY HAVE TO INFORM PARLIAMENT THAT SIZE OF "KEY" HAS BEEN INCREASED, REQUIRING ADDITIONAL FUNDS. ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES UNDER OTHER HEADINGS WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS, HE CAUTIONED, AS MONEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE TO COME OUT OF PRESENT DEFENSE BUDGET. DANISH CHIEF OF DEFENSE, GENERAL BLIXENKRONE-MOLLER HAS ALREADY ASKED HIS STAFF TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITIES IN THIS REGARD.

3. KISUM CONFIRMED THAT PROSPECTS APPEARED BRIGHT FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY PROCUREMENT IN US, AS DEFENSE MINISTER ORLA MOLLER HAS JUST SUCCEEDED IN GETTING PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL FOR STEPP-UP EXPENDITURES. IN EFFECT, HE HAS PERSUADED PARLIAMENT TO LET HIM BUY SOME EQUIPMENT THIS YEAR WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR PURCHASE IN SUCCEEDING YEARS, UNDER DANISH FOUR-YEAR DEFENSE COMPROMISE.

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4. RE GREEK ISSUE AT NATO MINISTERIAL, KISUM SAID DANES WOULD NOT RAISE MATTER BUT IF NORWEGIAN OR DUTCH MINISTER DID, DANISH MINISTER MIGHT HAVE TO FOLLOW. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DANES MIGHT NOT BE REPRESENTED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL BECAUSE OF UNPREDICATABLE CONSEQUENCES OF DECEMBER 4 GENERAL ELECTION. DEFENSE MINISTER MOLLER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET WITH HIS COLLEAGUES LATER THIS

WEEK IN BRUSSELS BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENT FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL MANEUVERINGS HERE.

5. DANISH OFFICIAL SAID CURRENT DISCUSSIONS ABOUT FUTURE EUROPEAN CONSULTATIONS ON DEFENSE MATTERS, I.E., WHETHER THEY COULD BEST BE HANDLED IN EUROPGROUP OR WEU FRAMEWORK, WERE RATHER CONFUSING. IT WAS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO SEE WHAT MESSRS. POMPIDOU, BRANDT, AND HEATH REALLY HAD IN MIND WHEN MAKING THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMENTS. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, KISUM SAID HE BELIEVED DANES WOULD CONSIDER EUROPGROUP FORUM MORE SUITABLE AS THIS WAS ALREADY FUNCTIONING PART OF OVERALL NATO STRUCTURE.
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